

French Socialists To Turn Reds Under Lenine Leadership

Large Majority at Congress
Favor Joining Fortunes
With Moscow; Rosy Report
of Visit to Russia Made

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PARIS, Dec. 26.—Within two or three days the French Socialist party intends to turn Bolshevik and recognize Lenin as its supreme leader. At the party's congress, which has just begun in Tours, it is plain that a large majority is now in favor of joining their fortunes with Moscow.

Judging from a preliminary vote that has been taken on the subject, about three-fourths of the delegates have been authorized by their constituents to adhere to the Third International.

This radical change in French socialism represents a big victory for Cachin and Frossard, the leaders of the extreme wing of the party. They came back from a recent tour of inspection in Russia delighted with what they had seen. The Russian, Dr. Boris Stokolov, who was in Russia at the time of the visit of the French leaders, has written a pamphlet showing that the supposed evidence of the success of Red imperialism which the French saw been trumped up for the occasion of the Sovietists, but this revelation has not checked the growth of approval for the Bolsheviks. The proceeding was agreed to by 2,916 votes to 1,238. It is conjectured that those voting for the discussion constitute the pro-Bolshevik majority.

The former French radical League had against the motion. The anti-Bolshevik delegates say that the workers do not realize what they are doing when they place themselves under the discipline of the Third International and command under Lenin.

TOURS, France, Dec. 26.—All the delegates have completed their report to the congress of the French Socialist party in session here, adding to the approximate certainty that the party will split, the Left section supporting the Moscow communists and the Right wing remaining as the Socialist party, but with a small minority. Many federations from the regions of the Moselle, the Marne and the Seine would support the motion to adhere to the Moscow International.

Premier Leygues's electoral district of Lot-et-Garonne said the maximum Communist program and its delegates were instructed to vote for adherence to the Moscow program.

There are not only wide differences between the two main groups, but also over the party's practices. A delegate from Annam, Indo-China, proposed to-day that the Socialist deputies were not protecting the interests of the Socialists and alleged it was a capital offense to be a Socialist in Indo-China. Deputy Vaillant-Couturier, of the Seine Department, retorted that the only hope for the "oppressed" colony lies in joining the Communist congress of Oriental peoples at Baku. Half a hundred Right deputies shouted in reply: "That's the congress that admits Enver Pasha" (former Turkish War Minister).

Austria Said To Be After Alliance With Germany

Government Prepares to Ask
Consent of League of Nations,
Paris Paper Hears

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Le Journal says to-day it learns from Berlin that it is reported in political circles there a manifesto has been prepared by the Austrian government addressed to the League of Nations, asking that Austria be attached to Germany. Dr. Walter Simons, Foreign Minister, and Count Ottokar Czernin von Chudenitz, formerly Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, are said to have drafted the document.

The Petit Parisien declares that the recent treaty signed by Italy and Yugoslavia specifically provides for reciprocal support to prevent any restoration of the monarchy either in Austria or Hungary.

A Copenhagen dispatch of December 26 quotes the Berlin correspondent of the Politiken, said that Count Czernin von Chudenitz was in Berlin discussing with leading politicians the possibility of uniting Germany and Austria following the latter's admission into the League of Nations.

Italian Nationalists Attack Socialist Officials at Ferrara

BOLOGNA, Italy, Dec. 24 (Delayed).—Reports from Ferrara to-day say that the Socialist Deputy Marangoni was attacked by Nationalists in Este Castle. The Socialist Mayor of Ferrara, Professor Morgantini and Aldermen Savonuzzi and Ferretti went to his rescue, but were attacked by a crowd which cried "Shame! Do not dare appear in public. Do not provoke us!" Aldermen Savonuzzi was beaten with a club, while Aldermen Ferretti had a beard pulled and was spat upon. They were rescued by carabinieri and took refuge in the police office. In the meantime Deputy Marangoni succeeded in escaping from the castle.

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Closing In on Fiume



The encirclement of D'Annunzio's legions at Fiume by Italian forces advancing from Udine is indicated on the map. The Italians have pressed beyond San Mattia and Grobnico (positions shown by small black arrows) and have pushed forward along the coast line into the outskirts of Fiume itself. D'Annunzio's aviation field at Grobnico was captured. Meanwhile, Italian warships have drawn in upon the beleaguered city (movement shown by white arrow).

Rumania to Help Jewish Refugees Leave Country

Withdraws Order to Intern
12,000; Will Aid Them to Proceed
to U. S. and Palestine

VIENNA, Dec. 26 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—The Rumanian Government has withdrawn its recent order to intern the 12,000 Jewish refugees in Bessarabia, most of them victims of the pogroms in the Ukraine, says a Bucharest dispatch to-day.

Rabbi Zirelsohn, of Kishinev, accompanied by M. Berland, secretary of the Ukrainian committee for Jewish refugees in Bessarabia, called on the Rumanian Premier, General F. Averesco, and after the situation had been explained to him, the Premier telegraphically ordered the Bessarabian authorities to cease internment and expelling Jewish refugees and instead to issue to each of them a special protective certificate. Premier Averesco also promised that those desiring to proceed to America or to Palestine would be given every facility to do so.

A Bucharest dispatch received by the Committee of Jewish Delegations in Paris on December 21 announced that the Rumanian Government had ordered the internment of the 12,000 Jewish refugees in Bessarabia.

WARSAW, Dec. 26 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—Premier Witos, replying to a question in the National Assembly by the Jewish Deputy Dr. Schipper, stated yesterday that the government was thoroughly investigating all reports regarding pogroms alleged to have been carried out by the forces of General Balakovich, former anti-Bolshevik leader in the Minsk region. He said the government would make known the results of the investigations as soon as possible.

Plot to Free I. W. W.'s Suggested by Explosion

Men Imprisoned for Armistice
Day Murders in Jail Near
Scene of Blast

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 26.—Investigation by county authorities to-day failed to clear up the mystery connected with an explosion which shook the town of Montesano last night. The finding of twenty feet of fuse at the scene of the explosion, a vacant lot near the Northern Pacific station, is believed by the police to indicate that an outrage was planned, but the object of attack is not known.

No trace has been found of the stranger carrying a leather traveling bag, who was seen loitering yesterday about the county jail, where are incarcerated seven men convicted last March of complicity in the Centralia, Wash., Armistice Day killing of ex-service men on November 11, 1919. Pieces of a bag similar to that carried by the stranger were found at the scene of the explosion, which led to the police theory of a possible plot to raid the county jail.

Permanent Rights To Left of Rhine Avowed for France

Echo de Paris Intimates U. S.
and Britain Accorded to Plan
as Alternative to Future
Defensive Alliance

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PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Echo de Paris to-day asks whether President Wilson and Lloyd George gave former Premier Clemenceau any assurance that France could retain her grip on the left bank of the Rhine. The newspaper suggests that France was to have this privilege in case the United States and Great Britain refused to ratify the treaties guaranteeing the integrity of France against future German aggression.

According to the Treaty of Versailles, the newspaper says, France was to prolong her occupation of the Rhine Valley if she did not obtain sufficient guarantees against unprovoked attacks. Some Frenchmen now argue, and the suggestions of the Echo de Paris pursue the same thought, that the failure of America and England to sign the treaties of guarantee automatically gave France the right to remain on the Rhine.

André Tardieu recently expressed this opinion in the Chamber of Deputies. The Echo, however, thinks that Tardieu's remarks might give rise to a dangerous illusion, because it believes Tardieu might know of assurances given President Wilson and Lloyd George, and therefore seeks immediate information on this subject.

Tardieu's speech in the Chamber included the declaration that the League of Nations was correct in reminding the deputies that France had a right to prolong the occupation of the Rhine to provide a permanent place for safeguarding the records of the World War. The members of the association also favor indexing and systematic filing of the war records, many of which are said to be scattered among government departments, with few safeguards against their loss.

Five related organizations—the American Political Science Association, the American Sociological Society, the American Catholic Historical Association, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the Agricultural History Society—will meet here in connection with the sessions of the larger organization.

Julius J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, Secretary Baker of the War Department, and Paul S. Reineck, former Minister to China, will speak at the concluding session Wednesday evening.

Belgium May Renounce Seized German Property

Paris Hears Example of Britain
Will Be Followed as Aid to
Reparation Payment

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Belgium, according to a Brussels dispatch to the Journal, intends to renounce its right to confiscation of German property in Belgium, as provided in paragraph 18, annex 2, of the Versailles treaty, following the example of Great Britain, which in October renounced its right to take over German property in the United Kingdom.

It is said Belgium will announce this decision after consulting with the Allies, but considers renunciation necessary from a commercial point of view. Renunciation of the right to seize German property would mean that all the Allies by the Germans at the Brussels Conference as a concession necessary to enable Germany to pay the reparations claims.

Papal Envoy for The Hague

Holy See Soon to Name Nuncio
for Holland

ROME, Dec. 26.—Approval having been given by the Dutch Chamber to the bill providing for the establishment of a permanent minister at the Vatican, the Holy See soon will appoint a nuncio at The Hague. No Papal representative has been at the Dutch capital since 1914, when diplomatic relations with the Vatican were interrupted in 1900 by the recall of Monsignor Rodolfo Giovannini when the Dutch Foreign Minister omitted to invite the Pope to the second peace conference at The Hague.

Lately diplomatic relations were resumed, but the Vatican did not send a representative to The Hague, instructing the Papal Nuncio in Belgium to the position of inter-nuncio to Holland.

Greek Patriarch Assails Return of Constantine

Chief of Orthodox Church Fears
Country Will Be Stripped
of Fruits of Victory

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—The Greek Patriarch here has delivered to the Greek Hired Commission a verbal message concerning his recent demand for the abdication of King Constantine of Greece for transmission to the government in Athens. The chief of the Orthodox Church declares his action was taken in behalf of the sacred interests of Greece, which, he says, have been imperilled as a result of the recent changes there. The Patriarch says he is apprehensive that Greece will be stripped of the fruits of victory because she has offered the throne to an enemy of the Allies.

ATHENS, Dec. 26 (By The Associated Press).—Constantine assembled his family for the Christmas dinner yesterday, although the Greek Christmas occurs thirteen days later. The foreigners in Athens celebrated the day, but otherwise the only sign of Christmas was evergreen branches carried at the mastheads of the American destroyers anchored off Phaleron, four miles from Athens and off the Trachili promontory. Constantine during the afternoon strolled in the gardens about his castle and received dozens of visitors.

A man who shouted "Long live the King and the Kaiser!" was beaten and locked up to-day.

Jugo-Slavia has announced that before renewing her alliance with Greece she will wait until the Allies have declared their policy.

The seals were broken on the apartments of the late King Alexander yesterday. Queen Sophie, Mme. Manos (King Alexander's widow) and an officer of the Ministry of Justice were present.

Denies I. W. W. Took Steel Employers' \$100

R. A. Brown Characterizes Record
of Contribution During
Strike as Frame-Up

ROY A. BROWN, chairman of the general executive board of the I. W. W., issued a general denial yesterday of the statement developed by the Lockwood committee hearing that the I. W. W. had received money from the National Steel Erectors Association to aid in a campaign against labor organizations of the steel industry.

It was brought out by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Lockwood committee, that a notation on the books of the steel erectors association indicates that \$100 was paid to the I. W. W. during the steel strike.

"The Industrial Workers of the World, while disagreeing with certain other labor organizations in the matter of industrial versus craft unionism," said Brown, "have never endeavored to disrupt working class organizations by siding with the employers in any clash." He added that the organization financially aided the unions in the steel strike and characterized the incident of the \$100 as a "frame up," unless it was paid to a bogus agent.

Diaz, in New Orleans, Denies Guatemala Yarn

Mexico City Reports Exile Has
Landed in Southern Republic
to Plot Rebellion

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—Felix Diaz, nephew of former President Porfirio Diaz and at one time a revolutionary leader, who, after his recent capture in the State of Vera Cruz was deported to Cuba, has arrived in Guatemala and is said to be contemplating aggression against the Mexican government, according to reports received here last night.

Candido Aguilar, son-in-law of the late President Carranza, who at various times has been reported to be harboring revolutionary ideas, is known to be in Guatemala. In connection with Aguilar's movements the War Office here has announced it is watching him, but does not believe he intends to start a revolutionary movement in Mexico.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Felix Diaz, when told to-night of reports current in Mexico City that he had landed at Guatemala preparatory to starting an aggressive movement against the Mexican government, laughingly replied that the report, like the famous story of Mark Twain's death, had been greatly exaggerated.

The former Mexican revolutionary leader when seen to-day by a representative of The Associated Press was enjoying a Christmas party in Pleasant Street, near his home, in company with members of his family and friends.

Senior Diaz said that as yet he had made no plans, and he would not interrupt his vacation with any thought of the future.

When asked directly if he would lead a revolution against the present Mexican officials in the event they went contrary to his views he refused to be quoted.

Sovietized Armenia Starves Bolshevik Soldiers Sacrifice Their Rations for Workers

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 26.—Dispatches from Armenia depict the situation there under the Soviet regime as lamentable owing to the shortage of food. Eighty carloads of grain have been sent to Erivan, the capital, by the Moscow government.

The 11th Bolshevik army went without a bread ration so that it might be given the workers and peasants of Soviet Armenia, the dispatches say.

ANGORA, Asiatic Turkey, Dec. 26.—Captain Ernest Yarrow, director general of American Near East Relief in Trans-Caucasia, has addressed a message to the Turkish military commander on the eastern front, appealing for protection against the Bolsheviks for the Near East Relief workers.

The Housing Situation in New York No. 8

The Real Need

From New York Times Editorial, October 21—

"We shall be happier when a normal freedom is restored—the tenant no less than the landlord. For until these restrictions (Rent Laws) are removed there can be no adequate supply of new buildings."

From New York Tribune Editorial, Nov. 27—

"Concerning the major feature of the housing problem the decisions (upholding the Rent Laws) give no help. They do not add an apartment to the City's supply. On the contrary, they rather tend to lessen the supply."

From New York Mail Editorial, Nov. 29—

"The Legislature should now exert itself to extend every reasonable economic aid to the investor in housing property. It is obvious that home building cannot be encouraged so long as the Legislature limits itself to measures limiting the right of house owners over their own property."

From Mr. Justice Blackmar's Decision, Dec. 8—

"But it is not perceived how the operation of Chapter 942 *** will add one square foot to the supply of dwelling accommodations, or will decrease in any respect the demand therefor."

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